

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2002

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Roll call was taken. Present were Aldermen Sue Skipper, Mike Kemp, Glenn Dinsmore, Linda Linkous, Curt Wilson, Mayor Davis and Recorder-Treasurer Fran Romine. Alderman Bryan Stanley was absent.

Motion by Alderman Skipper with second by Alderman Dinsmore to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Financial Report was given by the Recorder-Treasurer. Questions were asked from Alderman Linkous concerning a camera, quicksilver & visqueen purchased by the police department and straw bales from the street department. Alderman Skipper stated concerns about the city being under a spending freeze. Multiple members of the city council discussed the need for additional or modified financial reporting from the recorder-treasurer. Alderman Kemp specifically requested a very high-level summary that included the balance and balance date for all city accounts. He emphasized that all means all without exception. Alderman Kemp explained the information is needed not only for the city council but also for posting on the city web site in order for all Shannon Hills taxpayers to have information about their city's finances. The city recorder-treasurer said that would not be a problem.

Department Heads Report:

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge
Water superintendent Jim Ort
Police Chief John Brown
Court Clerk Karen Brown

Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Skipper to allow Ms. Price and Mr. Powell to address the council. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Price had a problem with her sewer line clogging up and thought it is the city's fault because it runs under a street that large trucks run over. She asked for reimbursement for what she paid to have her sewer fixed. Motion by alderman Kemp with second by alderman Dinsmore to have Jim Ort look into the problem and report his recommendations to the mayor. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mrs. Price also asked the city to remove a "city" tree that has fallen in her yard. The mayor said that the city would take care of it.

Mr. Powell asked the council to give a privilege license "DBA Simple Pleasures" to raise money for a food bank for this area. He stated it was members of a car club that did the collecting. Motion by Alderman Wilson with second by Alderman Dinsmore to give (donate) Simple Pleasures a privilege license. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lemons addressed the council about a bill sent from his office for Off Peak Metering Analysis. The amount of the survey was \$1,023.55. Mr. Lemons stated that he would forgo the bill for the purpose of goodwill. The council accepted Mr. Lemons' offer and no other action was taken on this matter. Alderman Wilson asked if Mr. Lemons was going to apply for the sewer grant this next year and Mr. Lemons' answer was yes.

Ordinance 2002-09 amending Ordinance 80-05 providing for a curfew on minors was read, adding daytime hours between 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM to section 1. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to accept the amendment to Ordinance 80-05. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Davis addressed the court statistics. A discussion ensued and Alderman Linkous asked the amount of the outstanding time payments. Mayor Davis asked the clerk if she knew, but he thought it was about \$50,000.00. Alderman Dinsmore's concern was about how the prosecuting attorney and the judge preformed and what wheeling and dealing went on, or if they had any half price days as some courts do. Alderman Kemp stated that when we get on-line payments the credit cards would tote the note, not the city. Alderman Wilson said that he had enough information from the stats. No action was taken.

Jim Ort reported that the ditches had been cleaned out and that they could start on the streets. Jim presented a Draft, Statement of Commitment and Agreement to form Implementation Committee, Saline Watershed Regional Distribution District to the council. Mayor Davis said there was no need to read it, because we all know what it is. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to accept the letter of commitment to form an implementation committee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. All council members, the mayor and the recorder-treasurer signed the draft. The mayor appointed himself and Jim Ort as representatives of the city to attend the meeting.

Resolution 2002-08 to have a sign erected to show where Shannon Hills is from I-30 was discussed. Motion by Alderman Dinsmore with second by Alderman Linkous to accept Resolution 2002-08. Roll call was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis brought up adding the Friday after Thanksgiving to the employees' holidays, and Alderman Linkous stated it was already on the list as a paid holiday. No action was taken by the council.

The Municipal League Conference was discussed. Motion by Alderman Wilson with second by Alderman Dinsmore to pay \$900.00 for the following to attend; Aldermen Skipper, Kemp, Dinsmore, Wilson, Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Fran Romine, Aldermen elect Everett and Daniel, and Penny Kemp, Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The use of septic tanks if Little Rock refuses the sewer from Mr. Rogers land was discussed. Mrs. Kemp stated that the planning commission voted to amend the ordinance, disallowing septic tanks in the city, to allow them in the annexed property. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Wilson to amend the existing Ordinance, and to allow septic tank usage if sewer service is denied by the Little Rock Board of Directors on the annexation. Roll call was taken and Aldermen Dinsmore, Wilson and Kemp voted yes, Aldermen Linkous and Skipper voted no. The vote being 3 yes votes and 2 no votes, the mayor voted yes to pass. The motion passed with 4 yes votes to 2 no votes.

The annexation of 300 acres of Mr. Rogers was discussed. Ms. Jaynee' Linkous of the planning commission expressed concerns that the commission had not given its approval. She stated that she was not against the annexation but a body was in place and it was being bypassed. Mrs. Kemp, chairman said she thought it should be turned over to the city council at this time. Alderman Linkous stated than she had not seen any figures on law enforcement or fire protection. That the city does not know how much it will cost us in the long run. Chief Brown expounded on the cost of fuel and the passes through the city. He also stated that there were grants of up to 75% of the cost for officers for cities with this type of growth. The first two years it would pay 75% of the salaries and the third year it pays 50%. Alderman Linkous asked him to put his projection in writing. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to approve Ordinance 2002-10 the annexation of Mr. Rogers' 300 acres. Aldermen Dinsmore, Wilson and Kemp voted yes. Alderman Linkous voted no because she did not have enough information and no information from the planning commission. Alderman Skipper voted no because she did not have enough knowledge about it. The vote being 3 yes and 2 no votes, the mayor voted yes to pass. Motion passed with 4 yes to 2 no votes. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to suspend the rules and have the second reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to accept the second reading. Aldermen Wilson, Kemp and Dinsmore voted yes and Aldermen Skipper and Linkous voted no. The mayor voted yes and motion passed with 4 yes to 2 no votes. Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Dinsmore to accept the third reading. Roll call was taken and Aldermen Kemp, Dinsmore and Wilson voted yes, Aldermen Skipper and Linkous voted no. Mayor Davis voted yes to pass and Ordinance 2002-10 was adopted with 4 yes to 2 no votes.

Job descriptions and expectations were discussed. A suggestion that each employee should write down what they do and turn it in to the council. No action was taken by council.

The mayor reported that Jim Ort was to start on the street repairs, but that would have to be put off because of the new annexed property. The mayor said that Jim would have to figure out how to get water down to the 50 acres. Jim Ort stated that this would be a major project. The two streets that need repairs are the curve in front of Sam Lattin's house and Brenda's Dairy Bar.

The mayor announced that he and Alderman Linkous had disagreed about the police and court clerk reports. Alderman Linkous stated that she and Chief Brown had spoken and everything was fine.

Alderman Linkous discussed an Emergency Management Plan. She suggested a committee for this, and Mr. Tommy Leath wanted to help on this. Chief Brown distributed a Homeland Security questionnaire and asked everyone to fill it out and get it back to him. No action was taken by the council.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Jaynee' Linkous suggested that the agenda be sent to the planning commission.

Motion by Alderman Kemp with second by Alderman Wilson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Date: __12-10-200__

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Fran Romine, Recorder-Treasurer